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1. KOREA AID. PROMINENT COVERAGE ON SUBMISSION TO HOUSE FLOOR OF RESOLUTION TO CUT OFF NON-MILITARY KOREA AID IN ABSENCE OF KIM DONG-JO TESTIMONY. REPORTS NOTE RESOLUTION HAS UNANIMOUS BACKING OF HOUSE ETHICS CMTE, MINORITY/MAJORITY LEADERS, SPEAKER, AND COMES AT JAWORSKI URGING. REPORTS SAY CONG. SOURCES SEE PASSAGE LIKELY, BUT NOTE NON-BINDING NATURE OF RESOLUTION. CHUNGANG ILBO COMMENTS, "JAWORSKI IS PLAYING HIS LAST CARD" BY SEPARATING MILITARY FROM ECONOMIC AID. NO OTHER COMMENTARY.

2. SENATE ETHICS CMTE REPORT. RELATIVELY SMALL PLAY TO AP DISPATCH THAT INTERIM REPORT WILL SHOW NO SENATORS WERE BRIBED BY PTS, ACCORDING TO SEN. STEVENSON. STEVENSON REPORTEDLY ADDED THAT NEGOTIATIONS STILL UNDER WAY FOR KIM DONG-JO TESTIMONY. NO COMMENTARY.

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3. GEN. VESSEY. VESSEY'S 5/17 SPEECH PROMINENTLY COVERED, WITH PRESS EMPHASIZING ROK OFFICER WILL HEAD NAVY COMPONENT OF COMBINED FORCES COMMAND. UNDER CAPTION "WITHDRAWAL ALREADY UNDER WAY", PRESS COVERS NY TIMES PIECE IN WHICH VESSEY DISCUSSED WITHDRAWAL.

4. ZAIRE. REPORT THAT CARTER SEEKING AN EASING OF CONGRESSIONAL LIMITATIONS ON PRESIDENTIAL POWER TO SEND TROOPS PROVIDES KOREAN PRESS WITH OPPORTUNITY FOR RELATING THIS TO KOREAN SITUATION. THREE EDITORIALS SUPPORT CARTER REQUEST AND HOPE FOR CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL "WHICH MAY ALSO HELP MAINTAIN SECURITY IN KOREA PENINSULA" (HANGUK ILBO). TONGA ILBO HOPES THAT, AS RESULT OF ZAIRE SITUATION, "U.S. WILL MORE CLEARLY SEE AND UNDERSTAND WORLD POLITICAL REALITY".

5. AMB. SNEIDER. FOLLOWING AMBASSADOR'S 5/17 ANNOUNCEMENT OF HIS TRANSFER, PRESS SPECULATION GOES AS FAR AS SAYING, "IT HAS BECOME KNOWN" DOS GLEYSTEN WILL BE REPLACEMENT.
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